

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE CENTRAL FAX CENTER

RECEIVED

JUL 20 2004

OFFICIAL

Applicant: Furman, et al. § Group Art Unit: 1773
Serial No.: 09/726,769 § Examiner: Hoa T. Le
Filed: 11/29/2000 § Atty. Docket No.: SWRI-2749-A

Title: Methods of Functionalizing and Functionalized Metal Oxide Particles and Mechanically Strong and Transparent or Translucent Composites Made Using Such Particles

MAIL STOP NON FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

PO BOX 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

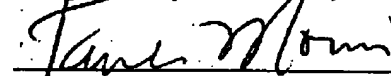
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be considered as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 exists.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SWRI-2749-A), maintained by Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C. d/b/a The Morris Law Firm, P.C..

Respectfully submitted,



Paula D. Morris, Registration No. 31,516
The Morris Law Firm, P.C.
10260 Westheimer, Suite 360
Houston, Texas 77042-3110
Telephone: (713) 334-5151
Facsimile: (713) 334-5157

07/22/2004 AWONDAF1 00000137 09726769

01 FC:1806

180.00 OP

PTO/SB/08A (06-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Complete if Known

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Application Number	09/726,769
Filing Date	11/29/2000
First Named Inventor	Furman, et al.
Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	Hoa T. Le
Attorney Docket Number	SWRI-2749-A

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
		US- 2003/0036609 A1	02-20-2003	Wellinghoff	
		US- 2003/0055280 A1	03-20-2003	Wellinghoff	
		US- 2002/0177727 A1	11-28-2002	Wellinghoff	
		US- 2003/0168633 A1	09-11-2003	Wellinghoff	
		US- 6,194,481	2-27-2001	Furman	
		US- 2002/0013382 A1	01-31-2002	Furman	
		US- 6,696,585	02-24-2004	Wellinghoff	
		US- 6,743,936	06-01-2004	Wellinghoff	
		US- 6,410,765	06-25-2002	Wellinghoff	
		US- 6,695,617	02-24-2004	Wellinghoff	
		US- 6,417,244	07-09-2002	Wellinghoff	
		US- 2003/0125435 A1	07-03-2003	Norling	
		US- 6258974 B1	07-10-2001	Wellinghoff	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁴
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

THE MORRIS LAW FIRM, P.C.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW INCLUDING PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT LAW,
UNFAIR COMPETITION AND RELATED MATTERS
10260 WESTHEIMER, SUITE 360
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77042

PAULA D. MORRIS
ALBERTO Q. AMATONG, JR.
SCOTT D. COMPTON

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 20 2004

OFFICIAL**Certificate of Facsimile Transmission
Under 37 CFR 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via
facsimile transmission in accordance with 37 CFR 1.8 on the
date indicated below addressed to:

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
PO BOX 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on 07/20/2004
Date

(703) 872-9306
Facsimile Number

No. of Pages including
this cover sheet: 4

Ann Marie Alaniz
Signature

Ann Marie Alaniz

Typed or Printed Name

Attached are the following pages:

Information Disclosure Statement transmittal [1 page];
IDS form PTO/SB/08A [1 page]; and
Credit Card Payment form PTO-2038 [1 page].

Applicant:	<u>Furman, et al.</u>	Group Art Unit:	<u>1773</u>
Serial No.:	<u>09/726,769</u>	Examiner:	<u>Hoa T. Lee</u>
Filing Date:	<u>11/29/2000</u>	Atty. Docket No.:	<u>SwRI-2749A</u>
Title:	<u>Methods of Functionalizing and Functionalized Metal Oxide Particles and Mechanically Strong and Transparent or Translucent Composites Made Using Zirconium Oxide Nanoparticles</u>		